

Five Bank Robbery Suspects Die In Shootout, Say Police

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THE spokesman of the Kwara State Police command, Assistant Superintendent Tunde Mohammed has confirmed the death of four of the six suspected robbers, who robbed a first generation bank at Lafiagi, Kwara State on Thursday.

In a chat with *The Guardian* yesterday in Ilorin, Mohammed said the suspects, who abandoned their vehicle at Egbe, Kogi State and fled

into the bush, following a hot chase by the Police, were felled during a gun duel.

The spokesman said Police in Kogi reinforced the squad chasing the suspects from Kwara.

Besides, he confirmed the arrest of one of the six, while the last person, he said, was still at large.

According to him, the Police recovered the sum of N100, 000 out of N800, 000 carted away from the vault of the bank by the suspects.

The Kwara State Police command had said that

N800, 000 was carted away by bandits in a bank robbery on Thursday at Lafiagi, in Edu Local Council Area of the state.

The robbery involving a first generation bank, according to sources, occurred at about 12:40 pm.

Although no one was injured in "the snappy operation," customers and some officials of the bank were held hostage and robbed of their personal belongings especially cash and mobile phones.